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REGIONAL OFFICE FOR NATIONAL WATERWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish regional office of Inland Waterways Authority of India at Bhubneshwar for better coordination of work in respect of National Waterway No.-5;

(b) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the Ministry of Finance for allocation of funds for its implementation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI MUKUL ROY)

(a): The opening of an office of IWAI in Odisha would be considered at a suitable location at the appropriate time based on the likely time of commencement of the development works of NW-5.

(b)to(d): The Planning Commission had suggested that the feasibility of development of the commercially viable stretches of NW-5 be explored under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode with Viability Gap Funding (VGF). Accordingly a proposal for identified commercially viable stretches of NW-5 was submitted to the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) for engaging transaction adviser (consultant) for preparing and processing PPP projects under their schemes of India Infrastructure Project Development Fund (IIPDF) and PPP Pilot Project Initiative under the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Technical Assistance. Department of Economic Affairs and Asian Development Bank have already initiated action for selecting a transaction adviser for this purpose.